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1. CANADA SHOULD "PRESS HARD TO GET THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SIT DOWN AND TALK BRASS TACKS" REGARDING CANADA'S DEFICIT UNDER THE AUTO PACT, ONTARIO, TREASURER TOLD THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AUTOMOTIVE PARTS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION (APMA). CANADA, HE SAID, HAS A "STRONG BARGAINING POSITION ON A NUMBER OF BILATERAL QUESTIONS" BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "UNDER-ESTIMATES OUR CLOUT".

2. REFERRING TO HIS REMARKS ON INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY, CONTAINED IN THIS YEAR'S PROVINCIAL BUDGET MESSAGE (REF A) AND HIS BUDGET BACKGROUND PAPER ON THE AUTO PACT LAST YEAR (REF B), ONTARIO TREASURER SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY INCREASING ACTIVITY OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THIS AREA, BUT NEVERTHELESS FELT THAT FEDS HAVE TO "START LEANING ON THIS PROBLEM MUCH HARDER AND MUCH MORE PUBLICLY." ONE THING THAT COULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY IS TO PUBLISH ITS STUDY OF NORTH AMERICAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY, AND FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ANNUAL
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3. MAIN GOAL OF APMA MEETING IS TO RECOMMEND ACTIONS NECESSARY TO KEEP CANADAIN PARTS INDUSTRY COMPETITIVE. ONTARIO GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND WILL CONSULT WITH ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE TO "HAMMER-OUT AN AGGRESSIVE, COMMON STRATEGY."

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4. COMMENT: THIS YEAR'S BOOM IN AUTO SALES IN NORTH AMERICA
HAS GREATLY IMPROVED OVERALL INDUSTRY SITUATION,WITH VEHICLE
PRODUCTION RUNNING 10 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR. DESPITE EXPECTED DOLS
3 BILLION DEFICIT IN PARTS TRADE, AUTOMOTIVE JOBS SHOULD NOT BE AS
DECISIVE A FACTOR IN A PROVINCIAL ELECTION (ANNOUNCEMENT OF WHICH
EXPECTED DAILY) AS FORECAST LAST YEAR (REF C).
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